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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
Washington

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable David K. E. Bruce,
Under Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Progress Report - Staff Study on European Satellites of
the USSR

The attached Progress Report - Staff Study on European Satellites of the USSR is submitted for information for the Board at its 17th meeting on January 15, 1953. This subject will be kept under review and recommendations for additional PSB staff work will be made as appropriate.

ALAN G. KIRK
Director

Enclosure:

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NSC review(s) completed.

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PROGRESS REPORT

Staff Study on European Satellites of the USSR

The key importance of this area for psychological strategy is unquestioned.

National policy with respect to Eastern Europe has been under review for some time in the Department of State, where a draft paper is understood to have been prepared for early submission to the NSC.

Several PSB projects, completed or in preparation, bear directly on this area: D-31 (Strategic Concept), D-18a and 18a/1 (Escapees), D-24 (Stalin's passing), D-28 (Economic Security), and Doctrinal Warfare.

Overt propaganda guidance is provided by the Department of State's Special Guidance No. 105 (November 14, 1951). Projects for covert operations are currently being processed through the 10/5 Committee. Within the framework of existing national policy, operators reportedly consider above guidances adequate for present needs.

The possibility of developing new capabilities in relation to the area needs further study. This, together with the expected review of national policy, should form the chief basis for recommending whether or not to undertake additional PSB planning.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting held Wednesday, 29 July 1953

**Present: General Smith, Messrs. Kyes, Stassen,
Dulles, Jackson, Morgan**

1. Albania.

Our draft of paper on Albania dated 29 July 1953 was circulated and carefully read by all present. The presentation found general favor but both General Smith and Roger Kyes wanted an opportunity to have it looked over by some of their very senior people and a final decision as to procedure will be taken at the next meeting. However it was generally felt that we should proceed along the lines indicated although the exact timing of the various steps and the necessity of some of the diplomatic moves was a subject of discussion.

2. Italy.

There was a brief discussion of the Italian situation and Harold Stassen seemed to feel that the only way out was for early general elections. Mr. Stassen mentioned that he understood the Vice President was going to bring up the subject at the next NSC meeting. Stassen seemed to think that we ought to analyze the reasons for De Gasperi's failure to get a majority and the steps which should be taken to meet this in the event that general elections should be held.

3. Thailand.

General Bedell Smith asked for one week more to consider the State comments on the Thailand paper. It was generally felt, however, that the PSB draft was preferable and that if State had doubts about the second phase they should be given an opportunity to re-present their views if and when the time came to put that phase into operation.

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4. PSB Semi-Annual Report.

This report was approved.

5. New York City Center Ballet Tour.

The idea of sending this to Moscow was vetoed on the theory that they had much better ballets than anything we could produce.

6. Communist Influence among Students and Intellectuals.

Mr. Cutler's letter was considered and the PSB report (July 27, 1953) was approved for transmission to Mr. Cutler.

7. Balloon Operations.

There was no further discussion of using balloons to send food to East Germany at this time, but the general idea of developing balloon operations was approved and Mr. Kyes suggested that we should plan a major operation for around Christmas time. His people had been preparing some information on this subject and I suggest that we get in touch with General Erskine.

8. Prospective Visit of Chiang Ching-Kuo.

General Smith said that he personally favored the visit and suggested the matter be taken up with him if there was difficulty on the State Department side.

9. Returning POW's from Korea.



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10. Escapees from Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Stassen asked whether we could bring back for propaganda purposes the home-made tank on which the Czechs had escaped, and also wanted to know what measures had been taken to exploit them on the radio and otherwise. (Please look into this point).

11. Korea.

There was a lengthy discussion about building up our radio propaganda efforts to Korea and it was suggested that a task force should be organized to study this problem. Mr. Morgan will get in touch with Mr. Tracy Barnes on the subject.

It was reported that the President had received letters and appeals of various kinds signed by some 10,000 Chinese prisoners who did not wish to return. C. D. Jackson knows the details of these appeals and we probably should get them from him.

It was also suggested by Mr. Stassen and generally approved that we should consider the possibility of having food distribution stations in the neutral zone between the armies with a view to feeding the needy in North Korea. This was not discussed in detail and of course there may be technical difficulties and objection on the part of the neutral control commissions. However the idea may be worth following up.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.

REVISED CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE DURING PREPARATORY PHASE OF
THE VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS, JULY 21, 1953

I. All holders of the "Contingency Guidance During Preparatory Phase of the Volunteer Freedom Corps", dated June 19, 1953, are hereby requested to return the Guidance to the Psychological Strategy Board through appropriate channels.

II. Consultations with the Allied Governments have resulted in a decision to defer action until after the German elections this Fall.

III. In the event that an unplanned newsbreak takes place, all holders of this Guidance are advised that an official White House statement will be made. This White House statement should be treated as straight news by all official U. S. news sources and news media without additional interpretation or exploitation. Further guidances on any additional exploitation will be issued by Mr. C. D. Jackson, Special Assistant to the President.

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The following points were discussed at the PSB meeting on 1 July 1953.

1. Our policy with regard to IIA Libraries. Harold Stassen raised the issue of "book burning" and said it was having an adverse psychological effect abroad and that some further action should be taken to meet the situation. It was suggested that the time of the transfer from State to the new independent agency would be an appropriate time to make a clear statement of Government policies and plans.

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3. There was general discussion of what should be done in the light of the riots in Berlin, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia and some consideration was given to the idea of making an offer of food to help out the East German workers. This was generally approved. Mr. Kyes stated that the Defense Establishment had some 70 million K-rations left over from World War II. They would not keep indefinitely but were still in good shape. He thought that some of these might be made available for emergency rationing purposes. It was decided that an ad hoc committee should consider the whole question of making food available for the East Berlin working population.

4. The Under Secretary of State reported on the proposed military mission to Thailand. Apparently the Thai's had been expecting a person with at least the rank of a lieutenant general. The Under Secretary asked Mr. Kyes whether this could not be arranged rather than send a major general as proposed. It was felt that a retired lieutenant general would fill the bill. Mr. Kyes undertook to look into it.

5. Mr. Stassen indicated that steps were being taken to set up and finance an appropriate organization to deal with the influx into Germany of refugees from Satellite countries. I said we were most interested in the matter and I would like to put someone in touch with his office to get the full details.

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6. The Under Secretary confirmed that he had sent a message to Ambassador Conant to express general FSB approval of the balloon operation as suggested by NOFE provided Conant and West German authorities raised no objection.

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Director

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The following points were discussed at the PSB meeting
on 8 July 1953.

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(3) Mr. Jackson's proposal to send the New York Giants
to Japan was enthusiastically approved as well as his letter to
Ford Frick. See attached memorandum from Abbott Washburn.
No financing was involved here.

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(4) Food for East Germany.

It was agreed that we should get on with this project promptly. A draft answer to Adenauer was approved and Mr. Kyes said that he would fly in some token shipments of food immediately if this was helpful from the psychological viewpoint. State and MSA were to coordinate the action. Mr. Jackson circulated the translation of a letter dated July 4, 1953, from Chancellor Adenauer to Ambassador Conant regarding food for East Germany.

(5) I distributed copies number 2 to 6 of the "Roundup on East Germany" dated July 8, 1953. Mr. Jackson discussed a telegram from the American Embassy in Stockholm quoting a proposed answer that the President might send to the Meany-Reuther telegram. WBS approved this telegram in principle and suggested that Mr. Jackson get in touch with Mr. Riddleberger immediately in order to expedite its departure.

(6) There was a long discussion of the Korean situation during which General Collins joined us.

ALLEN W. DULLES

Note: Mr. Dulles noted on his own agenda opposite the item on suitable commemoration of the Perry Centennial From this I assume the Board agreed not to send a special representative from Washington.

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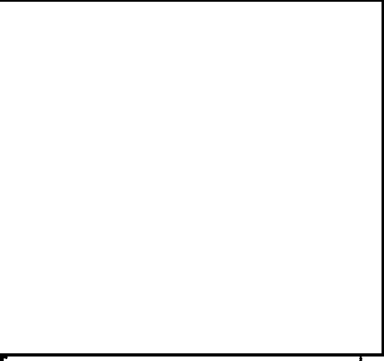
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